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Greeting

It is with considerable hesitation, and a feeling of humility that we make our editorial bow. We had thought our stock of courage was inexhaustible. And so it had proved to be until we came to this particular part of our duty. When we realize that this marks the launching of a venture that some have considered impossible, others impracticable, and still others inadvisable; when we realize that we are daring to undertake a proposition, which, if it loses, may cause irreparable damage to the cause to which we have devoted our life; when we think of

the many educational leaders within our ranks who can look down upon us as a man does upon a child, we hesitate.

On the other hand when we consider that we have offered our services and they have been accepted toward an opportunity for activity in the cause of education; have offered to make possible a medium for bringing our rapidly growing fraternity into more complete consciousness of itself, and our Chapters into closer touch with each other, we claim the right to speak.

Our organization will continue to grow in influence as a national factor in education to the extent that we as individuals, as Chapters, and as a national organization remain true to the three-fold purpose of our fraternity. We will remain true to that purpose to the extent that our membership individually and collectively is imbued with the spirit of devotion that has marked every educational leader of past generations.

Our rapid growth in numbers may prove a real weakness if along with that growth there be not also a common knowledge and feeling of personal interest by every member and Chapter of what every other member and Chapter are doing. "None of us liveth to himself." Let us be co-operative not only in the field of research and of service, but of leadership. Our National Council and the respective Chapters are means for developing that type of leadership that the field of education is needing. Let us be big enough to recognize leadership wherever we may find it within our ranks. For of insignificant influence will our organization be if we develop the first two virtues and not the third.

In the position with which we have been honored, our motto shall be, "Phi Delta Kappa First." We are here to serve you; here to make it easier for

every Chapter and every member to assist and be assisted in problems of research; in the splendid opportunities for service; and in developing and recognizing leadership. If our venture should not prove the financial success that we hope, somehow we feel that our efforts are going to be justified in a much higher sense, by the knowledge of services rendered a worthy cause.

ABEL J. McALLISTER.

Most of the contributions in this issue were necessarily hurried, and are not up to the expressed desire of those writing them. But since practically all were given rather short notice, each chapter will appreciate the situation of the others. It is hoped that each Corresponding Secretary will begin at once toward the preparation of material for the next issue.

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The Editorial Board has discussed the naming of the News Letter. For the first issue, we have decided to use the "National News Letter" as the designating title, and to ask for the respective Chapters to suggest names. Think it over and send in to the Managing Editor the name which your Chapter considers most appropriate.

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We had been requested by our National Secretary to write a letter of Welcome to the New York Chapter. But with all our wireless messages and several letters sent to the New York Chapter we have thus far failed to get a response. Hence we have no official information that the New York Chapter IS. We hereby extend a special invitation to the new Chapter to send in their write-up of the Installation, and to send it in early. We will give it the first place of all the Chapters in the next issue.

The Chapter reports are placed in this issue in the chronological order in which they were received. Please note whether your correspondent was one of the first. We expect to use the same policy in the next issue. All material should be in by January 20th.

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If there are any Chapters that were unable to send us complete mailing lists, please write us as to the number of copies needed for the members whose names were not sent to us. We will comply as long as we have any sample copies left. Better write promptly.

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The editorials of Brothers Warren and Houser regarding the meeting of the National Council overlap slightly, and we were asked by Brother Warren to make any necessary changes in his contribution. But we believe that both will be read with interest, and we are letting them stand as originally written.

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Corresponding Secretaries, please put the National Magazine on your mailing list for your local News Letters. We are in receipt of the last two News Letters from the San Francisco Alumni Chapter. We wish we had room to publish extracts from them. They are worthy of it.

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Next meeting of National Council July, 1916, in New York. Exact date to be announced later.

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We have at hand copies of the Constitutions of San Francisco Alumni and Kansas Alumni Chapters. We hope at a later date to have space to publish each of them in full.

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Who has the words and music of the Phi Delta Kappa hymn? Please send it to us for the next issue.

Brother Warren, please send us the cut of the attendants at the meeting of the last National Council. We would like to use it in the next number.

The fourth cover page is not used for advertising purposes. Whatever you find there is placed there because of its merit.

How It Was Started

It would no doubt be of interest to the many brothers who are not in close touch with their Chapters to know how the National Magazine was started. The following tells the story:

"WESTERN UNION TELEGRAM.

Rec'd at Effingham, Kas., Aug. 18, 1915.
To

National Council of Phi Delta Kappa

Care J. Harold Williams,
National Education Association,
Oakland, California.

Will publish National News Letter assuming all responsibility four numbers yearly if National Council will make it official National Magazine for one year from date period Will issue first number about November first period Carter of Lawrence wrote you general delivery Oakland endorsing my plan period Wire reply my expense.

A. J. McALLISTER."

On August 21 we received the following Western Union Night Letter from Brother Williams:

"Palo Alto, Cal., Aug. 21, 1915.
To A. J. McAllister,
Effingham, Kans.

National Council yesterday adopted your proposition for News Letter subject to Agreement between you and Executive Committee as to details.

J. Harold Williams."

After some correspondence between the National Officers and ourselves we mutually reached an agreement which may be summarized as follows:

1. I am to assume all financial responsibility for publishing and printing the National Magazine.

2. News will be solicited from each Chapter through its Corresponding Secretary. Any matter sent in by such means will be published without alteration excepting that—(1) I may have right to condense when crowded for space, and (2) In case of doubt as to the propriety of an article sent in from a Chapter, I may refer it to the Editor-in-Chief to edit before publishing.

3. The President is to be the Editor-in-Chief and the other National Officers are to be the Associate Editors. I am to be the Managing Editor.

4. Time of Issue,—November, February, April, June.

5. Size of Magazine—24 pages (28 or 32 if necessary to carry material) same size as sample issue of February, 1914.

6. Cuts—Where cuts have to be made the actual cost will be borne by the organization for whom it is made.

7. Subscription price—\$1.50 for single subscriptions; \$1.25 in clubs of ten or more. If subscription reaches 750, the above prices will be lowered 25 cents; if it reaches 1,000 the price will be lowered 50 cents. I am to send free sample copy of first issue to each and every member whose name is sent me before going to press.

8. Name—Call it "National News Letter of Phi Delta Kappa" to begin with, and ask the Chapters to suggest an appropriate permanent name.

Very little correspondence was necessary to work out the details, as it seemed that we were all practically of the same mind on every point of importance.

As Managing Editor, we are at all